

Testimony of Kyle, Sarah and Peyton Madden
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Good Morning Chairman Petersen and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 2087.

Peyton Madden was diagnosed with Xeroderma Pigmentosum (XP) at three years of age when he developed his first skin cancer. Since then, he has lived in a 100% UV free environment. He is one of thousands of Kansans who suffer from a medical condition that causes sun sensitivity.

HB2087 amends the current Kansas window film legislation to allow individuals who suffer from sun sensitivity caused by a medical condition to safely modify their motor vehicle, so they are not exposed to dangerous ultraviolet A or B rays. The current Kansas legislation on window film does not allow the front windshield of a motor vehicle to be filmed below the AS1 line, approximately five inches below the top of the windshield. Years ago, when the current legislation was passed, the only window film available to consumers was a tinted film that blocked sunlight, not UVA/UVB rays. Thanks to modern technology, we now have available clear window film that can block 99.9% of UV rays without reducing visibility to drivers.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. More people receive skin cancer diagnoses each year in the United States than all other cancers combined, including breast, prostate, lung and colon cancer. Over 5 million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each year. Statistically outside workers, farmers, ranchers, and people with a genetic history have the highest skin cancer occurrences. Photosensitivity is an extreme sensitivity to UV rays from the sun. It can range from mild to severe and can be caused by antibiotics, chemotherapy drugs, diuretics and other sun sensitive diseases, such as Lupus. In 2019, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 15,340 new cases of cancer in the state of Kansas. Cancer care costs an average of \$85,201 per patient, meaning Kansas patient care will cost \$1.3 billion. In addition, there are 126,381 farmers and ranchers in the state of Kansas. Plus, thousands of others who work outdoors, commute and spend a significant amount of time in their motor vehicle.

Please pass HB2087 for Peyton and for the thousands of others like him who suffer from a sun sensitivity. Cancer and skin cancer have become an epidemic in our country. Please help Kansas lead the way for safer, healthier vehicles.

Thank you again for allowing us to provide testimony.

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